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1. SUMMARY. ASSISTANT SECRETARY TODMAN'S VISIT TO LA PAZ
(MAY 14-16) GRATIFIED THE BOLIVIANS AND PLACED GOB RELATIONS
WITH THE NEW ADMINISTRATION ON A GOOD BASIS. BUILDING ON OUR
ALREADY CORRECT AND FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH THE GOB, THE TODMAN
VISIT IMPROVED THE CHANCES FOR A MORE RAPID RESOLUTION OF THE
U.S. CITIZEN CASES AND CLARIFIED U.S. POLICIES IN SEVERAL AREAS
TO THE BENEFIT OF BOLIVIANS AND MEMBERS OF THE MISSION. STATE-
MENTS OF GOB OFFICIALS AND MEDIA COMMENTS CONFIRM THE EMBASSY'S
VIEW THAT THE VISIT WAS VERY SUCCESSFUL.

2. LONG ACCUSTOMED TO SEEING HIGH LEVEL U.S. OFFICIALS EXCLUDE
LA PAZ FROM THEIR LATIN AMERICAN ITINERARIES. BOLIVIANS
UNDERSTANDABLY WERE PLEASED THAT THE ASST SECRETARY INCLUDED
THEIR CAPITAL ON HIS FIRST INFORMATION GATHERING TOUR. MR.
TODMAN'S MEETINGS WITH THE FOR.MIN. AND THE PRESIDENT OFFERED
THEM AN OPPORTUNITY TO GAIN SOME INSIGHTS INTO THE PRIORITIES
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AND ATTITUDES OF THE NEW ADMINISTRATION. A GOOD EXAMPLE OF
THEIR FAVORABLE REACTION WAS FOR.MIN. ADRIAZOLA'S COMMENT
THAT MR. TODMAN PRESENTED HIMSELF AS A MAN WITHOUT AFFECTATION
WHO HAD A CLEAR VIEW OF THE PROBLEMS CONFRONTING THE PEOPLE
OF LATIN AMERICA.

3. FROM THE GOB POINT OF VIEW, ASST. SECRETARY TODMAN'S

KNOWLEDGEABILITY ABOUT GENERAL NORTH-SOUTH ISSUES AND THE SPECIFIC QUESTION OF TIN MATTERS WAS QUITE REASSURING. HIS ASSURANCES THAT THE USG WOULD CONTINUE TO CONSULT WITH THE INTERNATIONAL TIN COUNCIL AND THE GOB ON GSA TIN STOCKPILE SALES, AND HIS CONFIRMATION THAT THE USG IS SERIOUSLY CONSIDERING CONTRIBUTIONS TO COMMODITY BUFFER STOCKS, INCLUDING THE ITC TIN BUFFER STOCK WERE, OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO THE BOLIVIAN.

4. THE FIRST HAND BRIEFINGS ABOUT THE PANAMA CANAL ISSUE AND OUR CUBA POLICY IMPRESSED GOB OFFICIALS FAVORABLE. UNDOUBTEDLY, THE BACKGROUND MR. TODMAN PROVIDED THE GOB ON THESE TWO ISSUES WILL CONTRIBUTE TO THEIR RECEPTIVITY AND UNDERSTANDING OF U.S. GOALS AND TIMING IN TWO QUESTIONS OF SPECIAL IMPORTANCE TO LATIN AMERICA. MEMBERS OF THE MISSION WERE EQUALLY PLEASED AND IMPRESSED AT MR. TODMAN'S ACCESSABILITY AND RESPONSIVENESS IN FIELDING QUESTIONS ON THESE ISSUES AS WELL AS OTHERS. MEDIA REACTION TO THE VISIT WAS FRIENDLY AND FAVORABLE TO U.S. OBJECTIVES. MR. TODMAN'S COMMAND OF SPANISH, PROFESSIONALISM AND GOOD HUMOR WERE NOTED BY ALL OF THE PRESS. A LA PAZ MORNING DAILY, PRESENCIA, MAY 19, PRODUCED AN EDITORIAL URGING REVISION OF BOLIVIAN'S JUDICIAL PROCEDURES TO PROVIDE A MORE SPEEDY RENDERING OF JUSTICE (SEE SEPTTEL). A LOS TIEMPOS HEADLINE THAT QUOTE CARTER'S ENVOY LEFT A GOOD IMPRESSION UNQUOTE FAIRLY SUMS UP PRESS REACTION. THE LATTER ARTICLE SUMMED UP THE IMPRESSIONS OF JOURNALISTS AND RADIO/TV REPORTERS WHO COVERED THE VISIT AND ATTENDED MR. TODMAN'S SUCCESSFUL AND STIMULATING PRESS CONFERENCE MAY 9.

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5. FINALLY WE BELIEVE THERE WAS GREAT VALUE TO MR. TODMAN'S EXPOSURE TO THE VIEWS OF GOB OFFICIALS AND MISSION OFFICERS ON THE ISSUES OF U.S. PRISONERS, HUMAN RIGHTS, TIN AND THE BOLIVIAN CONCERNS OVER ANDEAN WAR TENSIONS. THE CLARIFICATIONS AND ENHANCED UNDERSTANDING OF BOTH USG AND GOB POLICIES FROM THESE EXCHANGES WILL BE HIGHLY USEFUL TO BOTH THE GOB AND EMBASSY LA PAZ. WE CONCLUDE THAT ASST SECRETARY TODMAN'S EFFORTS HAVE ALREADY BEEN REWARDED IN THE GOODWILL HIS VISIT GENERATED AND THAT HIS DISCUSSIONS WILL BE OF CONTINUING ASSISTANCE TO FURTHERING U.S. INTERESTED IN BOLIVIA.
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